Statement—Contd.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
7	M/s Fulford	194.62	Delhi High Court	1988	Do.
8	M/s Glaxo	7178.00	Do.	1990	Do.
9	M/s Burroughs Welcome	191.15	Bombay High Court	1993	As per Bombay High Court directions the company was heard and Speaking Order was issued, against which company filed writ petition The company has furnished Bank Guarantee of Rs. 2 crores as per direction of the Court.
10	M/s Lyka	678.73	Do.	1990	Case is still pending.
11	M/s Carews	710.24	Calcutta High Court	1990	Do.
12	M/s Hoechst	7780.80	Bombay High Court	1990	A hearing has to be given to the company in compliance with the Order of the Bombay High Court.
13	M/s Pharmed	66.01	Do.	1991	Hearing has been given to the company in compliance with the order of the Bombay High Court.
14	M/s Nicholas	53.03	Do.	1993	The Bombay High Court vide their order dated 10-1-94 directed that the company be given a fresh hearing on 8-2-1994. On the directions of the Court a hearing was given on 8-2-94 to the Company.
15	M/s Synbiotics	N.A.	Delhi High Court	1981	The case is still pending.
16	M/s Micro Lobs	2.24	Madras High Court	1984	Do.
	B. Details of Other Writ Petitions				
1	Bakul Aromatics	N.A.	Bombay High Court	1990	The case is still pending
2	Merind	N.A.	Do.	1989	Do.
3	Ultim Pharmaceuticals	N.A.	Do.	1993	Do.

N.A.—Not Assessed.

Overcharging of prices of bulk drugs and formulations.

1894. **SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA** : Will the Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Queston 2080 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1993 and state :

(a) What are the details of cases of overcharging, including those in respect of Ranitidine, Erythromycin, Paracetamol, Vitamin C etc., which were reported under DPCO 1987 and what is the stage of action in each case ;

(b) whether it is a fact that no recovery has been made in these cases and that the Ministry is responsible for the recovery and not the State Government; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to recover the amount in view of clear cut provisions DPCO, 1987 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTTY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) This Department had received some complaints of alleged overcharging of the bulk drugs, the details of which are given in the statement. (*See* below). As and when any complaint of alleged overcharging of bulk drugs is received, the same is forwarded to the concerned act State Drug Control Administration for investigation and necessary action under the Essential Commodities Act 1955. To the extent information is available, the State Drug Controller of Maharashtra had filed compliants in Court of Law against 9 units including traders and manufacturers. The State Drug Controller of Gujarat has also intiated action against 3 units on account of overcharging of prices.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug
1.	Vitamin-C Plain
2.	Vitamin-C Coated
3.	Sodiun Ascorbate
4.	Prednisolone
5.	Rifampicin
6.	Erythromycin Sterate
7.	Ampicillin Trihydrate
8.	Trimethoprim
9.	Metronidazole
10.	Metronidazole Benzoate
11.	Pyrazinamide
12.	Di Ethyl Catbanazine Citrate
13.	Ethambutol Hcl.
14.	Cloxacillin Sodium (Oral Grade)
15.	Chloroquine Phosphate
16.	Sulphamethozaxole
17.	Tetracycline Hcl.
18.	Analgin
19.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
20.	Cephalexin.

Non-implementation of Decontrol of molasses by states

1292. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh have refused to implement decontrol of molasses and have reimposed controls of the free movement and sale of molasses ;

(b) what are the reasons for the Centre not enlisting the assurances of the concerned States before promulgating the molasses decontrol order, when Molasses and Alcohol are a State subjects ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Centre has set up a ministerial committee to resolve the crisis and if so, the recommendation of such committee ; and

(d) whether Government are aware that the prevailing crisis in molasses has adversely affected the cattle feed industry which may further affect the milk production during lean (summer) months ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Molasses as by-product of suger, and alcohol are included in Schedule I of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951 and thus their production, distribution and pricins are within the power of the Central Government. The Molasses Control Order, 1961 under which the prices and distribution of molasses were regulated has been rescinded. However, the States have been asked to check undue diversion of molasses for potable alcohol which they are doing under the State Acts/ Rules.

(c) and (d) The various issues arising out of decontrol of molasses and alcohol were raised in a Conference of Excise Ministers of the States and UTs on 4-11-94. The Conference set up a Group of State Excise Ministers under the Chairmanship of the Karnataka Chief Minister to look into the matter and suggest measures to harmonise the rules and procedures in the States to bring them in tune with the decontrol of molosses and alcohol.

Sources of Alcohol Ethanol

1293. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Bangalore based company has developed a commercial process for manufacture of alcohol from block jowar, as reported in the Economic Times, dated the 12th February, 1994;